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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
GEORGE BYMA et al.)	Group Art Unit 1771
)	
Serial No. 10/601,615)	
)	Examiner Ula C. Ruddock
Filed: June 23, 2003)	
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For: VEHICLE INTERIOR TRIM)	Confirmation No. 8851
COMPONENT CONTAINING)	
CARBON FIBERS AND METHOD OF)	
MANUFACTURING THE SAME)	Attorney Docket 1-73826

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Honorable Sir:

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Examiner has asserted that the Arthurs reference teaches the claimed invention except for the teaching that a reinforcement layer comprising carbon fibers is provided adjacent to the polyurethane foam layer. The Examiner has further asserted that it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to have used the carbon fibers and binder of the Michael reference in the laminate of the Arthurs reference motivated by the desire to create a laminate having enhanced lamination strength.